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Early week prices in New York were unchanged. Elsewhere prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes. During the week prices in were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was about steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand continued light to moderate while many breakers continued to work from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Light type hen offerings continued adequate to fully adequate with demand fairly to fairly good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Removal prices were 0-7 cents, mostly 5-6 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-70	61-67
LARGE	59-69	60-63
MEDIUM	50-60	52-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-82	68-71
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	56-64	56-59

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ,
eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 28, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	67.50	66.00	54.50
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	55.00
MIDWEST	62.00	59.50	50.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	71.50	68.50	56.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	67.09	64.80	54.21

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN				
	02-01-05	01-25-05	02-03-04	
Large	42-51	41-49	90-97	
Medium	33-39	31-36	76-80	

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-

Jan 31, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	16.6	8.9	11.2	10.2	55.3	
	Change	-1.5	-2.1	1.0	1.0	2.2	1%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	41.3	13.5	26.9	37.5	139.4	
	Change	0.9	-1.9	4.0	1.0	6.7	8%	
Large	Curr Wk	36.7	107.3	60.4	88.0	107.4	399.8	
	Change	2.6	4.0	14.6	0.1	34.1	16%	
Medium	Curr Wk	11.1	52.2	14.4	21.3	30.6	129.6	
	Change	0.9	14.1	2.4	-0.6	6.0	21%	
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	6.8	1.7	5.4	3.5	21.4	
	Change	-0.7	-2.4	-1.4	0.6	1.0	-12%	
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	39.3	8.1	14.9	5.4	73.7	
	Change	-0.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-1%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	50.5	23.0	28.8	16.8	131.9	
	Change	-2.6	-17.4	3.9	-2.5	0.8	-12%	
Total	Curr Wk	99.2	314.0	130.0	196.5	211.4	951.1	
Percent	Change	-1%	-2%	23%	-1%	32%	8%	

TOTAL

Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	951.1	8%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.9	-12%	35
Total Shell Egg	1186.0	3%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 29JAN-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,239,584	29,192	12,629	6,605	2,910	4,315
PW	1,194,985	27,844	12,197	6,549	3,204	4,388
LY	1,118,124	25,723	11,045	6,112	2,584	3,906
% CHG PWK	4	5	4	1	-9	-2
% CHG LY	11	13	14	8	13	10
2005	4,972,263	117,659	49,613	26,463	13,069	17,701
2004	4,533,778	106,452	44,022	24,383	10,752	16,377
% CHG YTD	10	11	13	9	22	8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.55	42.66	41.84
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.07	38.99	38.35

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JAN 22	JAN 29	JAN 22	JAN 29
	Thousand			
AL	29,581	29,380	21,188	20,900
AR	30,744	31,023	*24,825	24,988
DE	3,772	3,899	5,353	4,776
FL	1,338	1,338	1,525	1,638
GA	32,850	33,528	27,148	26,891
KY	7,094	6,997	6,085	6,009
LA	3,984	3,984	3,819	4,025
MD	8,147	8,584	5,299	5,402
MS	19,709	19,770	17,012	17,634
NC	17,830	18,143	14,473	14,401
OK	*6,448	6,511	4,481	4,783
PA	*3,887	4,003	*2,987	2,840
SC	5,068	4,956	4,134	3,854
TX	15,226	15,187	12,461	12,573
VA	6,370	6,542	5,660	5,703
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,532	17,457	*16,207	15,196
19 State Total	*210,580	211,302	*172,657	171,613
Previous Year Total	205,540	204,460	165,515	168,098
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	104	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 12-Mar-05 is estimated at 158.5 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 157.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.92 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/27/05-02/02/05

CURRENT LDS 76.00 FUTURE LDS 61.50 TOTAL LDS 137.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	46.25	47.50	—	—	2.00
GNR W 1	44.25	50.20	45.13	46.38	44.50	48.00	40.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	40.00	—	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	64.00	—	65.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	71.00	72.00	—	69.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	63.68	58.20	61.56	54.40	—	34.50
GL W LG	—	61.50	55.40	57.00	56.27	60.50	30.25
GL W MD	—	52.00	49.75	49.00	50.67	49.00	27.25
GL W SM	26.00	28.25	21.75	23.00	23.00	26.00	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	31.00	33.69	18.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-JAN-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	28.4	28.0	1	10
Boston	3.4	3.6	-6	3
Chicago	72.1	68.6	5	16
Detroit	24.6	36.5	-33	-4
Kansas City	4.4	8.9	-51	-40
Los Angeles	108.7	103.4	5	25
New Orleans	9.2	7.5	23	22
New York	29.3	32.9	-11	-6
St. Louis	18.4	16.3	13	8
San Francisco	23.8	20.3	17	7
Total	322.3	326.0	-1	12
4 Week Moving Avg.	324.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,502	2,533	17	3	4,055
Avg Wt	15.85	39.37	24.74	36.87	30.59
Last week	1,541	2,493	29	2	4,065
Same wk yr ago	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
Avg Wt	15.19	36.68	23.80	36.47	27.93
To-date/2005	6,311	10,080	125	23	16,539
To-date/2004	6,696	9,715	172	25	16,608

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	(Preliminary)		OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
—YOUNG TURKEYS—	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	THOUSAND	THOUSAND	AVG
	HEAD	PW	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT
		LIVE WT	-THOUSAND		
North East	741	-10	(A)	742	22.10
South Atlantic	606	18	(A)	607	38.03
North Central	1,917	-1	(A)	1,918	34.35
South Central	483	-6	(A)	483	21.56
West	305	12	(A)	305	27.03
U.S. total	4,052(B)	0	3	4,055	30.59
To-date					
2005	16,516(B)		23	16,539	
To-date					
2004	16,583(B)		25	16,608	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 125,000; for last year to date 172,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 29-Jan-05	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	157,768	1,307	1,024	2,331	546
Avg Wt	5.28	3.01	8.11	5.25	6.65
Last week	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656	493
Same wk yr ago	150,873	1,274	1,255	2,529	444
Avg Wt	5.26	3.50	8.02	5.74	6.42
To-date/2005	626,880	5,854	4,931	10,785	2,105
To-date/2004	614,714	5,487	5,073	10,560	1,786

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.7 million head, or 2.7 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-05

CLASS	Current Week 02/05/05(1)	Previous Week 01/29/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	163,612(2)	157,884
Light hens	1,398	1,435
Heavy hens	1,309	1,066
Total	166,319	160,385

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Feb-05 is 162.5 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.9 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Feb-05 the estimated available is 162.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December 25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January 1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
29	159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
Year to date	634.5	476.1	133%	
February 5		162.5		
12		162.1		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 31-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.74	40 :	67.69	73
Los Angeles	80.00	79.13	63 :	74.55	155
New York	68.00-71.00	70.74	23 :	70.04	72

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
31-JAN-2005	24-JAN-2005	24-JAN-2005	02-FEB-2004	
71.50	-.14	71.64	74.90	

NUMBER OF LOADS 614

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	01/31/05	3,602	74,727	45,938
AM	01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG		175	14811	-8438
PCT CHG		5%	25%	-16%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 31-JAN-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.79
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.61

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

28-Jan-05	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-9	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-7	5-6

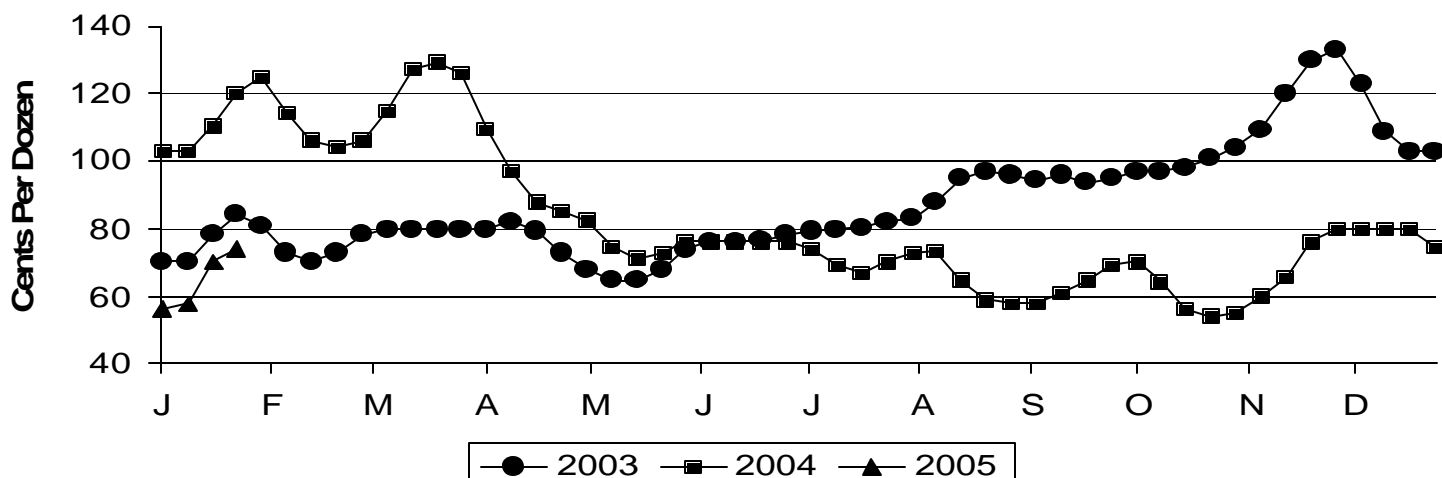
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 29-Jan-05	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM
REGIONS		PW LY
North Atlantic	244.6	1 7
East North Central	613.1	-5 10
West North Central	298.5	0 -1
South Atlantic	213.4	0 1
South Central	61.5	-8 -12
West	186.8	3 3
Total	1617.9	-2 4

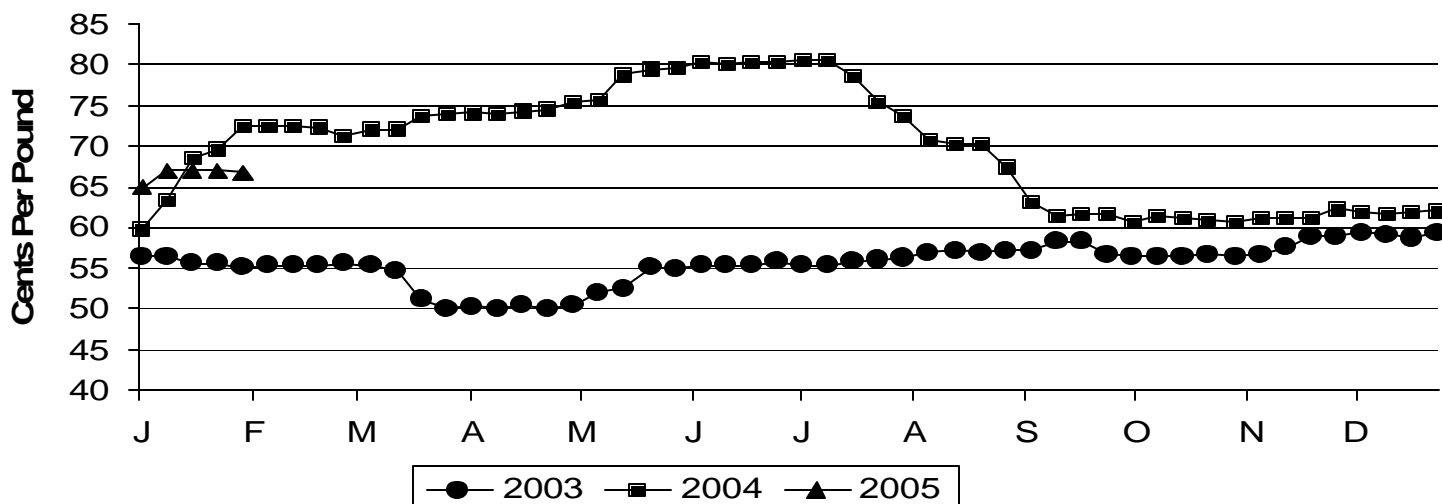
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

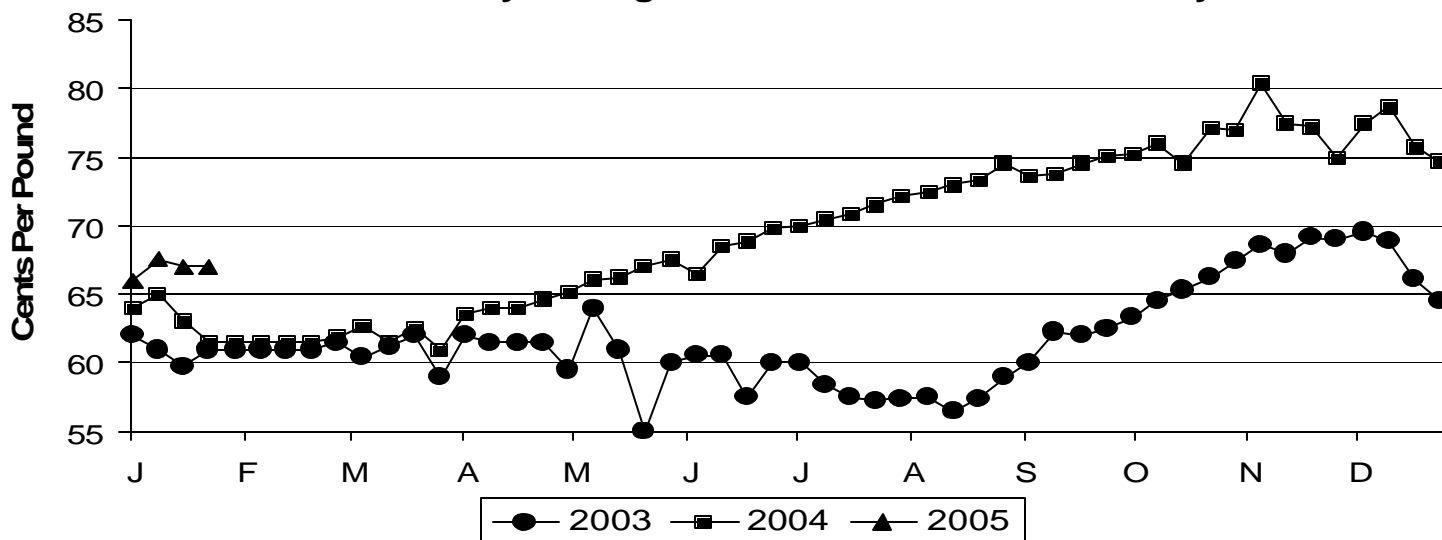
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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